town. Finance Minister also allayed their fears about likelihood of reduced employment opportunities.

Seizure of heroin etc. from Pakistan border

767. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge quantity of heroin, charas and other narcotics smuggled from Pakistan across Rajasthan border has been seized during the past four months;

(b) if so, what are the details of the seizures made; and

(c) what preventive steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) According to reports made available to the Government, the details of the seizures of drugs smuggled from Pakistan across Rajasthan border from July to October, 1986 are as under:—

Name of drug	Quantity seized (in kg)
Charas (Hashish)	1,758
Heroin	683

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(c) In addition to appropriate anti-smuggling measures taken in co-ordination with the Central and State Government authorities concerned, close co-operation with the international agencies concerned and also with the drug law enforcement agencies of USA, UK, etc. is maintained to curb smuggling of drugs. The intelligence machinery has been geared up and the field formations remain vigilant to check the smuggling of drugs. The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, which has come into force with effect from 14-11-1985, provides for deterrent punishments for drug trafficking offences. A new organisation called, "Narcotics Control Bureau" has been set up for effectively co-ordinating the action against illicit traffic in drugs.

Setting up of a risk Capital and Technology Finance Corporation

768. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision on the setting up of a Risk Capital and Technology Finance Corporation; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and by when it is likely to start operating?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) A proposal regarding setting up of Risk Capital and Technology Finance Corporation is under the consideration of the Government.

Fund for North Madras Thermal Plan from Asian Development Bank

769. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Asian Development Bank has chosen the proposed North Madras Thermal Plan of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board as its first project to be funded in the sub-continent; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir. The North Madras Thermal Power Project which is still to be approved by the Board of ADB will be the second project to be funded by the Asian Development Bank.